(ii) interest rate of refinance provided by sponsoring banks has been lowered;

(iii) funds for SLR requirements be invested in securities of better yield;

(iv) the scope of lending should be enlarged; and

(v) the sponsoring banks should play a more active role in fund management, staff training and internal audit.

Representations received from time to time from employees' association are considered by the Government for taking such action as may be deemed appropriate.

Doordarshan Film 'Touch of Glory'

699. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Doordarshan propose to telecast a film on the Indian Air Force called 'Touch of Glory' on the national network;

(b) what is the theme and the language of the film, its duration and the timeslot allotted to it;

(c) whether Doordarshan also propose to produce and telecast films on the Indian Army and the Navy and on other topical interests also; and

(d) whether efforts have been made to telecast such films as sponsored programmes and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) No such film has been offered to Doordarshan for telecasts. The particulars of the film are, therefore, not known.

(c) and (d) Doordarshan is already telecasting programmes on Indian Army and Navy regularly. However, no films on these subjects have been offered to Doordarshan by outside producers as sponsored programmes.

Risk Capital Foundation

700. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the 'Risk Capital Foundation', a financial institution sponsored by a Central Financial Institution sponsored by a Central Financial Institution is providing 'Seed Capital' loan/assistance only to Multi-National, MRTP/Big Business Houses and Influencial medium Industrial Houses and negative Loan assistance to the small-scale sector whereas the present Government policy is to encourage the small-scale sector under the new 20 point Programme; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken or propose to take to ensure that the small-scale sector could get the full benefit from the 'Risk Capital Foundation' as per the Government's policies regarding the small-scale sector development?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) The Industrial Finance Corporation of India (IFCI) have reported that the Risk Capital Foundation, sponsored by them, provides financial assistance on soft terms to first generation entrepreneurs for meeting a part of their contribution for setting up of medium and large sized industrial projects with project cost normally ranging between Rs. 2 crores and Rs. 15 crores. Risk Capital Foundation has not provided any risk/seed loan/assistance to the promoters of multi-national/MRTP/big business houses. As regards assistance to the small-scale sector, the IDBI operates a scheme of Seed Capital Assistance for this sector.

Financial assistance by NABARD

701. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of financial assistance, the National Bank of Agriculture and Rural Development are providing to the entrepreneurs to generate employment in the field of industry, business, trading, agricultural inputs manufacturing/marketing in rural/semi-urban areas and whether